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Editorial

THIS IS THE FINAL EDITION FROM US

Following the last Editorial plea for new people to take over the Calendar, there is a glimmer of hope that might allow the Calendar to continue after this now **FINAL edition from Arnie and me.**

This edition will conclude Arnie's and my involvement over the past 20 plus years. No further issues will be under our management. This is done with a heavy heart, but Arnie hasn't lived in the Village for many years and I will be leaving when our house is sold.

However we do have people looking at relaunching The Calendar probably in April and we are looking forward to working with them to achieve the handover.

In other news, we went to the Classics Galore event in the Great Hall at the University, where we had an evening of mixed classics, which was extremely good. We sat high in the upper tiers and the sound there was wonderful, particularly the Lympstone Brass Band... Their rendition of Bohemian Rhapsody was incredible. A large contingent of ROBOTS were in the audience, thanks to Rick Spencer sourcing the tickets.

To commemorate the end of this particular era, this edition is printed in full colour, with a wintery scene on the cover. Hoping the magazine will rise again to continue under new management.

All Contact emails remain unchanged until final takeover.

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Editor

Items for April by 10th Mar '27

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Information

Talaton Neighbourhood Watch Contacts.

See our page on the parish website for terms of reference, recent appeals and lots of useful web links.

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TALATON PARISH COUNCIL

Please find below the list of names and telephone numbers of your current Parish Councillors for Talaton together with contact details for the Parish Clerk; County Councillor; District Councillor and MP

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MP for Honiton and Sidmouth Richard Foord	02072198 349	richard.foord.mp@parliament.uk

St James the Great

Services for December



Dec 13th **Carol Service** **11am**
Festive refreshments from 10.30am to help the voice!
Dec 24th **Crib Service** **5pm**
Dec 25th **Christmas Day** **9.30am**
Family Holy Communion

All services at the other churches in the Benefice are displayed on the notice board in our church porch.

Midweek Coffee Morning



Wednesday 9th December
10.30pm until noon
In the North Aisle Room

Do come and enjoy tea/coffee, mince pies and ,,,,,? but most of all good company.

All Welcome

Carol Singing

Join us after the lights are turned on the Village Christmas tree outside the Shop 6pm when we adjourn to the pub to carol in the warm and join in all sorts of Christmas cheer.

Collection for the all-important Devon Free Wheelers aka Blood Bikes.

Happy New Year

January Services

Jan 10th **Morning Worship** 11.00 am
Refreshments from 10.30am

Jan 24th **Holy Communion** 11.00 am
Refreshments from 10.30am

Midweek Coffee Morning



Wednesday 13th January
10.30pm until noon
In the North Aisle Room

The first of 2027 Do come and enjoy tea/coffee , cake and biscuits, but most of all good company.

All Welcome

Tale Valley Choir

Contact:

talevalleychoir.org.uk

Emma Palmer
01404 823083



Christmas Competition · Open to all ages



Make a Christmas Train decoration

All aboard! Steam engine or high-speed express or tinsel-laden train, we don't mind. Knit it, build it, glue it, paint it. Not greater than 23cm (9inches) Big or small, 3D or flat, just make sure it's a Christmas train.

Pull into Talaton Community Shop with your entry by

Friday 4th December, 5.30pm

That's the last train, so don't miss it!

Trains will be judged in four age groups:

2–5 years · 6–10 years · 11–16 years · 17 years and over

One winning train from each group will receive a prize.
Entries will be displayed at the How d'ye Do on Saturday 5th December, then in church for the whole of Christmas.

Entry Form

Please attach this ticket to your train

Name ..... Age .....

Address ..... Telephone .....

Description of your train .....

.....

Would you like your train back after Christmas? Yes / No .....

Email address: .....

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What does a Road Warden do?

- **Spot & Report:** Act as the primary local link between our village and the Devon County Council Highways team.
- **Minor Repairs:** Coordinate or carry out small-scale tasks like filling minor potholes (full training provided).
- **Keep Roads Clear:** Help clear small drainage run-offs, clear blocked gullies, and trim back overhanging vegetation.
- **Community Action:** Lead small groups of local volunteers for community action days to improve our lanes.

What's in it for you?

- Full health, safety, and technical training provided by the county council.
- Access to professional safety kit, tools, high-vis gear, and materials at no cost to you.
- A tangible, highly valued way to make our beautiful Devon parish a safer place to live.

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

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Have you enjoyed the recent post box toppers? In October we were celebrating the 100th birthday of Winnie the Pooh and in November we commemorated Remembrance Day. Look out for some Christmas specials appearing around the village in December.

Talaton Knit and Natter is a relaxed and friendly group that meets once a fortnight, alternating between Wednesdays and Thursdays. We gather at the Talaton Inn from 11 o'clock to enjoy good company, conversation, and plenty of knitting, crafting, and creativity. We work on projects to decorate the village and to support charities.

All crafts are welcome, so whether you knit, crochet, sew, embroider, or enjoy another craft, you'll be sure to fit right in.

Our upcoming meeting dates are:

- **Wednesday 25th November**
- **Thursday 10th December**
- **Wednesday 25th November**
- **Thursday 10th December**
- **Thursday 7th January**
- **Wednesday 20th January**
- **Thursday 4th February**

New members are always welcome — whether you're an experienced crafter, just starting out or just want to meet for friendly chat.

For more information:
Facebook: *Talaton Knit and Natter*
Email: moorbrookmakes@outlook.com
Phone: 07894 686801

Talaton Garden Club

Talaton Garden Club

Thanks to all those who joined us at our AGM on Monday 2 November. We enjoyed an informative and engaging demonstration from Andrea Rye on planting up winter hanging baskets and containers.

If you were not able to join us at the AGM and renew your membership or would like to join the Garden Club then you can give your subscription to either Kathy Gray or Alan Franklin. The cost remains at £5 per household.

On Friday 30th October, we held our Pumpkin Carving Competition which was a great success. We had 16 children's entries and 5 adult entries and our judges had difficulty deciding on the winners as there were so many creative designs. Thanks to our judges and to the Talaton Inn for hosting the event.

Saturday 5th December – Garden Club stall at How d'ye Do

Any donations of produce, plants and gardenalia to sell on our stall at the How d'ye Do would be gratefully received. Pam Weston and Alan Franklin are happy to accept any items ahead of the event.

The programme for 2027 is as follows:

Mon 4th January – Lunch at Otter Inn
Mon 1st Feb – Rob Vincent – House Plants
Mon 1st March - Garden Quiz
Mon 5th April – Richard Horswood - Alpines
Mon 3rd May - Garden Visit – Spring Lodge
Sat 8th May - Plant Stall - TBC
Mon 7th June - Garden Visit – Sand Farmhouse
Mon 5th July - Garden Social
Sat 7th August – Produce Show
Mon 6th September - Gardeners Question time
Mon 4th October – Rose Time Flowers – Flower Arranging
Fri 29th October - Pumpkin Competition
Mon 1st November - AGM with Speaker
Sat 4th December - How d'ye Do

Happy gardening!

Talaton Parish Hall

Saturday 5 December – Christmas How d'ye Do
The village Christmas How d'ye Do? is back at Talaton Parish Hall, along with the Christmas Competition. Pick up an entry form from Talaton Community Shop. Entries will be on display at St James the Great. Deadline entry Friday 4 December 5.30pm at the shop

Saturday 19 December – Christmas double film screening, 3pm and 7.30pm
All aboard for Christmas Eve. A boy who's starting to wonder if Santa is real hears a train pull up outside his window, and it's heading for the North Pole. Two screenings: a family matinee at 3pm and an evening showing at 7.30pm (doors 7pm). Hot chocolate and mulled wine available.

Saturday 2 January – Film night, 7.30pm (doors 7pm)
Start the new year with a gem. It's 1970, the holidays have arrived, and a grumpy classics teacher is stuck minding the boys with nowhere to go at a snowbound New England boarding school. Funny, sharp and warmer than it first lets on. Licensed bar open.

As we close out 2026: a message from the Chair
It's been another busy year at Talaton Parish Hall, and a good one.
The year in numbers
The Hall is 99 years old. That's more than 36,000 days of village life under one roof. This year alone it saw:
258 bookings from 30 different users
190 hours of yoga, fitness and Pilates
8 Garden Club meetings, adding up to 21 hours
90 hours of the Hall café, with tea, coffee, conversation and an unknowable amount of cake
8 birthday parties
8 film events

A hall for everyone
In a single week the Hall can be a yoga studio, a Pilates class, a café and a cinema. It's a stage for Community Theatre 4 All, a meeting room for the Garden Club and Talaton Community Shop, and a place where Time Together Devon brings people together. It hosts birthday parties, and when the country needs it, it's a polling station.

This year it became something new. When Voneus went down and half the village lost its broadband, our Starlink kept the Hall online. We opened the doors, and became Talaton's work-from-home hub.

That's what a village hall is for. It's there when people need it.

Thank you
Everything at the Hall is run by volunteers. Thank you to my fellow committee members and the reps from village organisations, who keep us safe, legal and connected with other halls. Thank you to the Friends of Talaton Parish Hall WhatsApp group, who answer the call whenever we need extra hands. And thank you to our hirers, whose bookings pay the bills.

Our centenary: 1927 to 2027
Next year the Hall turns 100, and we intend to mark it properly. Planning has started, and we'll share more about what's in store over the coming months, so keep an eye on the newsletter, our Facebook page, and the mailing list.

In 1927 the Ireland family gave this Hall to Talaton. Every generation of villagers since has kept it going by painting, mending, fundraising, running events and turning up. The centenary is our chance to thank them, and to make sure the Hall is still here for the children growing up in Talaton today and the families who'll call it home long after us.

We want the celebrations to belong to the whole village. If you have photos, programmes, posters or memories of the Hall, please get in touch. If you'd like to help plan an event, we'd love to have you.

Your film ideas for 2027
We're planning next year's film programme now, for both the evening screenings and the family afternoons. Is there a film you'd love to see on the big screen with your neighbours? Let us know by email, on Facebook or just tell any of us at the Hall, and we'll do our best to fit it in.

Keeping in touch
The easiest way to hear what's on is to join our mailing list: https://mailchi.mp/df572fbbe556/sign-up-form-june-2026. You'll also find the Hall calendar at talatonparishhall.org.uk and news on our Facebook page, facebook.com/TalatonParishHall.

Happy Christmas, and see you at the Hall in 2027.

Tanya Jones Chair, Talaton Parish Hall


THE
TALATON
INN
Christmas Day
Opening Times
Meals
12:00pm to 4:00pm
Drinks
12:00pm to 2:00pm

Talaton Parish Hall

Christmas

How d'ye Do

Opened by Father Christmas
In aid of Hall funds

Saturday 5th December
12 noon – 3pm

Light lunches & refreshments
Christmas raffle & tombola
Garden Club and handmade gifts
Guess the weight of the cake
The special 100+ Club draw

Plus this year's competition, open to all ages

Make a Christmas Train

Entries will be displayed at the How d'ye Do and then in church for the whole of Christmas.

Entry forms available from Talaton Community Shop

Newcomers especially welcome! Come and meet the village organisations, and see **Father Christmas**

The 12 Days of Christmas

A Festive Trail Around Our Village!

Something special is happening around our village this December!

Inspired by the traditional Christmas carol *The 12 Days of Christmas*, a collection of twelve festive displays will be appearing at different locations around the village for everyone to discover and enjoy.

From the partridge in a pear tree to the twelve drummers drumming, each display celebrates one of the twelve familiar verses of this much-loved Christmas song.

Why not wrap up warm, gather the family and enjoy a festive wander around the village? See how many of the twelve displays you can find!

Where can you find them?

Maps showing the locations of all twelve displays will be available from the **Community Shop**, so pop in and pick one up before you set off on your Christmas trail.

Whether you choose to find them all in one go or spread your visits throughout December, we hope you'll enjoy spotting each one.

Let's make this December a little more magical with our very own 12 Days of Christmas village trail.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas!


Great Prizes!
Good Friends!
Fun Night Out!
THE TALATON INN
BINGO NIGHT
SUNDAY 17th JANUARY 2027
8pm EYES DOWN!
GREAT PRIZES!
FUN FOR EVERYONE!
A FANTASTIC NIGHT OUT!
BASKET MEALS AVAILABLE
PLEASE BOOK EARLY AS LIMITED SPACES
See you at The Talaton Inn!

WINTER WARMER

Tale Valley Choir

making music

Musical Director
Emma Palmer

Payhembury School Choir

& Payhembury School Choir

Led by Becky Springall

Sunday 24th January 3pm

Payhembury Church

FREE ENTRY - RETIRING COLLECTION

Musical Director
Emma Palmer



Christmas Performances

- **Killerton Chapel, December 1st, 11am & 12 pm. Limited places, subject to National Trust conditions of entry.**

- **Supporting Clyst St Lawrence Carol Service, Mount Pleasant Farm, Clyst St Lawrence, Saturday December 5th, 6.30pm. Refreshments.**

- **Supporting Riding for the Disabled Carol Service, Hitts Barton, Whimple. December 6th. Mulled wine at 6pm, Carols at 6.30pm.**

- **Talaton Church, December 16th 7pm, supporting Action East Devon. Refreshments available.**

TALATON PARISH COUNCIL

INVITATION TO TENDER



THE PARISH COUNCIL IS INVITING TENDERS

FOR THE FOLLOWING:-

CONTRACT 1 - Grass cutting of the Moor (`the Village Green`) for 1st March 2027 – 28th February 2030

CONTRACT 2 – Grass cutting of various roadside verges for 1st March 2027 – 28th February 2030

THE CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS IS 31ST DECEMBER 2026

For an Information Pack please apply to the Parish Clerk – Mrs C McIntyre

- E-mail:- clerk@talatonparishcouncil.gov.uk
- Tel:- 01404 814128
- Parish Website:- https://talatonparishcouncil.gov.uk/

REMINDER TO LANDOWNERS REGARDING THEIR RESPONSIBILITY FOR DITCHES

It has come to the attention of Talaton Parish Council that some of the ditches in the Parish require clearing. Devon County Council has advised that ditches are the responsibility of the adjacent landowners. DCC previously carried out ditching works when it had the resource. As resource has become limited and stretched it was decided by DCC that the adjacent landowners must take responsibility for maintenance as part of their riparian responsibilities which exist under the Land Drainage Act.

If landowners do not keep a drainage ditch clear, they risk facing serious localised flooding, costly property or crop damage, and possibly severe legal and financial liabilities.

The diagram below may be of assistance to show who has responsibility for what

Thank you

TALATON PARISH COUNCIL



Talaton Parish Council Report

The following are some of the items extracted from the minutes but a full copy of the minutes may be viewed on both Parish Noticeboards and on the Parish Web site www.talatonparishcouncil.co.uk

INFORMATION FROM THE MEETINGS OF 4TH NOVEMBER 2026

THE MOOR – UPDATE ON TREE TRIMMING WORK AND ANY OTHER MATTERS AND TO MAKE DECISIONS AS APPROPRIATE

i. There had been no further communication received from either Voneus or the Parish Hall regarding the proposed broadband connection

ii. The tree trimming work had been carried out on the Moor .

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO DECORATE THE TELEPHONE KIOSK – KNIT AND NATTER WISH TO DECORATE THE TELEPHONE BOX

It was **RESOLVED** that Knit & Natter be permitted to decorate the telephone kiosk for their Christmas display. The theme being the twelve days of Christmas. The telephone kiosk would be decorated as "Four Calling/Colly Birds". It was understood that the decoration wouldn`t interfere with the phone box library. *Proposed by Cllr Wood and seconded by the Chair*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW UPDATE

It was noted that Melanie Wellman EDDC`s Director of Governance (Monitoring Officer and Returning Officer) had recently written to parish councils with an update on the Local Government Reorganisation.

The Government had confirmed that its proposed decision on local government reorganisation (LGR) in Devon had been withdrawn and was now under review. This meant that government was going back to review all of the proposals that were put forward for Devon and to test them against the original criteria to inform decisions on future structures. The (Parish) Council was of the view that the process to date had been a complete waste of time and money

CONSIDERATION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS AND TO MAKE DECISIONS ACCORDINGLY - It was **RESOLVED** to make the following grants:-

Tale Valley Trust - £250
PCC - £100
Trip Community Transport Association - £100

and to earmark £500 for any urgent grants that may be required during the year

SOLAR FARMS UPDATE INCLUDING REPORT FROM HORTON SOLAR FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

It was reported that the meeting held on 3rd November 2026 at Clyst Hydon Village Hall - was attended by the Chair, Cllrs Bos and Peters and the Clerk and other representatives from Clyst Hydon and Clyst St Lawrence parish councils. There was no representation from Whimple Parish Council. Chairing the meeting was Matt Young CEO from Grantscape and Anna Romcke Hoiseth- Community Engagement & Communications Manager from Aurapower. Various matters were discussed. Each parish council desired

Talaton Parish Council Report Cont'd

to be allocated the sum of £3,000 each year. There would be an additional amount of £8000 for the parishes to be used for larger projects. All the beneficiary parish councils would be contacted by Anna following the meeting, with further proposals for the administration of the Fund.

PARISH MAINTENANCE: ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION AND UPDATE ON ITEMS REPORTED AND TO AGREE ANY FINANCIAL PROVISION (IF APPLICABLE)

i. 4 Hillside – EDDC had advised that the property would need to be referred to a panel for discussion before any further decisions could be made. As this enquiry related to a void property, any future enquiries would be best directed to repairs@eastdevon.gov.uk, where the team would be able to ensure the Council`s correspondence was forwarded to the most appropriate officer for a response. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk contact EDDC Cllr Richard Jefferies about this property and the vacant Lashbrook property to see if he could progress both houses being brought back into occupancy as a matter of urgency

ii. The Clerk had reported the lack of road markings at the junction opposite the pub, to Ed Polding DCC Highways Officer and also on the DCC Portal as requested by two concerned parishioners

iii. Other road issues – the pothole filled outside Steven`s Cottage had sunk; Blackpit Lane was in a poor state of repair;

iv. Water leaks outside Stoney Court and Cllr Bos`s property – These were continuing despite regular reporting to SWW

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications

APPLICATION - 26/2108/DEM

Applicant: Philip Skinner
Property: Springfield Farm Talaton Exeter EX5 2RX
Proposal: Demolition of stand alone building
As this was a Prior Notification Application and not a planning application it was **RESOLVED** not to have a site meeting and the Council`s comments to be submitted to EDDC were *`As this is a Prior Notification Application, Talaton Parish Council has no comments to make on the application` Proposed by the Vice-Chair and seconded by Cllr Bos*

APPLICATION 26/2109/PDQ

Applicant: Philip Skinner
Property: Springfield Farm Talaton Exeter EX5 2RX
Proposal: Notification for prior approval of change of use of agricultural buildings to 4 no. dwelling houses and associated operational development under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q(a) and (b) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015
As this was a Prior Notification Application and not a planning application it was **RESOLVED** not to have a site meeting and the Council`s comments to be submitted to EDDC were *`As this is a Prior Notification Application, Talaton Parish Council has no comments to make on the application`*
Proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Hirt

Talaton Parish Council Report Cont'd

TO REPORT ANY DELEGATED DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL (INCLUDING PLANNING)

APPLICATION 25/2182/FUL

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Will and Robynne Leigh-Firbank
Property: Larkbeare Dairy Farmhouse Talaton
Proposal: Proposed agricultural calf isolation building with office
(Amended site/elevation plans to indicate that the building has been re-sited because of ground conditions encountered on site)
The Council`s delegated decision was `*Talaton Parish Council supports the revised re-siting of the building*` The delegated decision was noted by the Council

BITTERY CROSS ROADS JUNCTION UPDATE

It is understood that the re-marking of the junction lines would now be treated as a priority by DCC and the contractor had been instructed to undertake the works asap, weather permitting. The Clerk had been updating parishioners on Talaton Talk with email exchanges she had had with Ed Polding - DCC`s Highway Officer for the area regarding the junction, which contained the contact details of Ed Polding. However, DCC Councillor Cathy Connor had instructed her that Ed`s contact information should be removed. Cllr Connor had confirmed she was happy to have her contact details published and for any member of the public to contact her direct.

ALLOTMENTS – APPROVAL OF REVISIONS MADE TO THE ALLOTMENT RULES AND ANY UPDATES/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR CONSIDERATION

A notice has been placed in the Calendar and on Talaton Talk regarding the future of the allotments. The Landlord of the allotments and allotment plot holders had also been advised. The Clerk had requested feedback by 31st December, which the Council would then consider at its January meeting Plot 4B had a new tenant – who had already started cultivating her allotment

*D*CC CLLR CATHY CONNOR

Cllr Connor advised that she would be undertaking Road Warden training. She enquired whether Talaton had a warden. It was explained to her that from time to time the role was advertised in the Calendar but no parishioners had come forward. The Clerk would advertise this voluntary role in the Calendar and on social media again. Cllr Connor advised that she had Locality Budget funds available. The Council suggested that the cost of the tree trimming on the Moor be considered for this funding. Cllr Connor would make enquiries in view of this being a retrospective application

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY (TO INCLUDE CHECKS OF DEFIBS; UPDATE FROM THE CALENDAR AND ANY MATTERS RAISED AT OCTOBER DROP-IN) OR FOR DISCUSSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

i. It was noted that the church flag was in shreds which was disappointing particularly as the Council had provided a grant last year to the PCC towards the cost of the flag. It was understood that the flag was being left out in all weathers which had contributed to its poor condition
ii. Both defibs had been checked and were found to be operational

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2nd December 2026

DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR, CATHY CONNOR

MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST!



IN VIEW OF THE ONGOING CONCERNS REGARDING POTHOLES AND THE DISAPPEARING LINE MARKINGS AT BITTERY CROSS CROSSROADS (WHICH APPARENTLY ARE NOW ON THE TOP OF DCC`S LIST FOR REPAIR!) CLLR CATHY CONNOR HAS ADVISED THAT SHE WILL DEAL WITH ANY PARISH RELATED MATTERS IN RESPECT OF HIGHWAYS AND ALSO OTHER MATTERS WHICH SHE HAS THE JURISDICTION TO DEAL WITH

CLLR CONNOR`S DCC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS ARE:-

- Children`s Scrutiny Committee
- Council
- East Devon Highways & Traffic Orders Committee
- Farm Estate Committee
- School Transport Appeals Committee

PLEASE CONTACT CLLR CONNOR IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH ANY MATTER FALLING WITHIN HER REMIT

CONTACT DETAILS:- cathy.connor@devon.gov.uk

TALATON PARISH COUNCIL 26/27 MEETINGS

(ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT TALATON PARISH HALL AND COMMENCE AT 7.30PM UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY)

2 DECEMBER

6 JANUARY 27

3 FEBRUARY

3 MARCH

7 APRIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

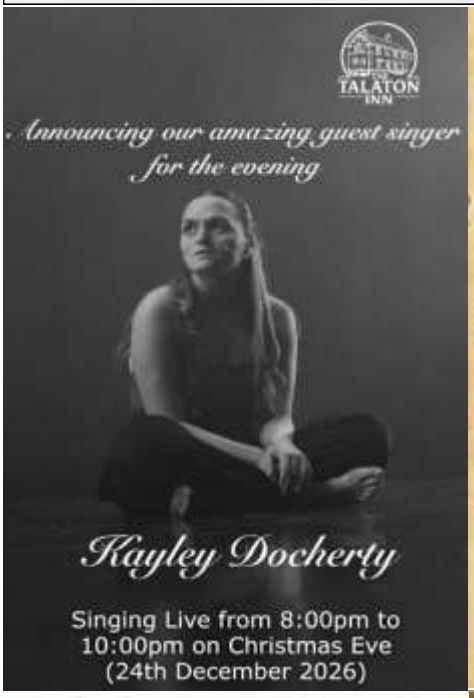
21ST APRIL 2027 7.00PM

INFORMAL DROP-INS

30 JAN 2027 & 24 APRIL 2027
10.30AM – 12 NOON

to enable parishioners to chat to councillors about any Parish related issues they may wish to raise

There may also be additional meetings held to those mentioned above, which will be advertised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Book your team table by calling 01404 822214 or just pop-in. Bookings are recommended.


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TALATON PARISH COUNCIL ALLOTMENTS

Future of the Site

The Parish Council wishes to inform residents that it is currently reviewing the future of the village allotment site.

Over recent years, demand for allotment plots has declined significantly, with a number of plots remaining vacant despite efforts to encourage uptake. As a result, the Council is considering whether it remains viable to continue leasing the land for allotment use.

Before any decision is made, the Council would like to gauge current and potential future interest from parishioners. If you currently rent an allotment, would like to take on a plot, or have views on the future of the site, we would be pleased to hear from you.

If there is insufficient interest in maintaining the allotments as a community facility, the Parish Council may consider terminating its lease agreement with the landowner.

Residents are therefore invited to contact the Parish Clerk by **31st December 2026** to express an interest in renting a plot or to provide comments on the future of the allotments.

The Council recognises the value that allotments can bring to the community and wishes to ensure that any decision reflects local needs and priorities.

Clerk: Christine McIntyre (Mrs)
Tel: 01404 814128
E-mail: clerk@talatonparishcouncil.gov.uk

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ONE Re-cycled Christmas card from the shop

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ALL Proceeds to a local Charity

Local Information

Useful Phone Numbers

Otter St Mary District Help Scheme	01404 813041
The Coleridge Medical Centre	01404 814447
Ottery St. Mary Hospital	01404 816000
Hall Booking Secretary (Tanya Jones)	07584 318378
Police (to report a crime – non urgent)	101
Talaton Inn	01404 822214
Talaton Community Shop & Post Office	01404 822084
Parish Priest	01404 822525
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Talaton Community Shop & Post Office Opening Times

	Shop			Post Office	
	OPEN		CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Mon	9.00	-	6.00		
Tues	9.00	-	6.00		
Wed	9.00	-	6.00	2.00	4.00
Thurs	9.00	-	6.00		
Fri	9.00	-	6.00		
Sat	9.00	-	1.00		
Sun	10.00		12.00		

News from Talaton Community Shop

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25 – 28 Dec	CLOSED
Tue 29 Wed 30 Dec	NORMAL HOURS
New Year's Eve	9am – 1pm
New Year's Day	CLOSED
Sat 2 Jan	Normal hours resumed

POST OFFICE: OPEN Wed 23 & 30 Dec and Wed 6 Jan

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Bread | Cakes | Sausage Rolls | Pasties | Pies | Quiches
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Gallery for Local Artists
Photocopying | Laminating | Village Noticeboard
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Post Office

Wednesday 2 – 4pm

Shop Opening Hours

Mon - Friday	9am – 6pm
Saturday	9am – 1pm
Sunday	10am – 12 noon

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